

Title: Quantitative Infrared Spectroscopy of Minor Constituents of the Earth's Atmosphere

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Abstract of Research Objectives:

We obtain quantitative laboratory spectroscopic measurements of molecular constituents which are of importance in understanding the "health" of the Earth's atmosphere, and in particular emphasize those species which are important for understanding stratospheric kinetics or are used for long term monitoring of the stratosphere. Our measurements provide: (1) line and band intensity values which are needed (a) to establish limits of detectability for as yet unobserved species and (b) to quantify the abundance of those species which are observed, (2) line-positions, -half widths and pressure induced shifts are all needed for remote sensing techniques, and (3) data on the above basic molecular parameters at temperatures and pressures appropriate for the real atmosphere.

Summary of Progress and Results:

The Herman-Wallis effect was used to obtain absolute line intensities for a number of free radical diatomic molecules: at the end of 1987 journal articles were published on absolute ro-vibrational intensities for the $\text{C}\ell\text{O}$ and CS radical species and subsequently absolute ro-vibrational line intensities have been determined for the NH and SH molecules. We are currently working on spectra of OH which in one scan extend from the pure rotational region, starting about 350 cm^{-1} , thru the $\Delta V=1$ ro-vibration bands which are centered around 3500 cm^{-1} . We hope to obtain absolute line intensities with this data using a generalized Herman-Wallis approach. We have made low temperature N_2 - broadening measurements on O_3 lines in the 1040 cm^{-1} spectral region using a 6 cm teflon coated low temperature cell. The construction of a 30 cm low temperature absorption cell is nearly completed. It is made of copper with an acid resistant stainless steel liner and should be coolable to 150 K. Diode laser spectra have been obtained of highly purified samples of $\text{C}\ell\text{ONO}_2$ in the 780.2 cm^{-1} spectral region. Some structure in these spectra offer hope that the intensities can be understood at the line by line level. Laboratory spectra obtained at Kitt Peak (with L. Brown, J.P.L.) on the 1450 cm^{-1} band of $\text{CH}_3\text{C}\ell$ will be used to estimate atmospheric abundance from ATMOS spectra.

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